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New Year's baby

Minden couple welcome county's first baby of 2021. See page 2.

Vaccine rollout

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Record numbers

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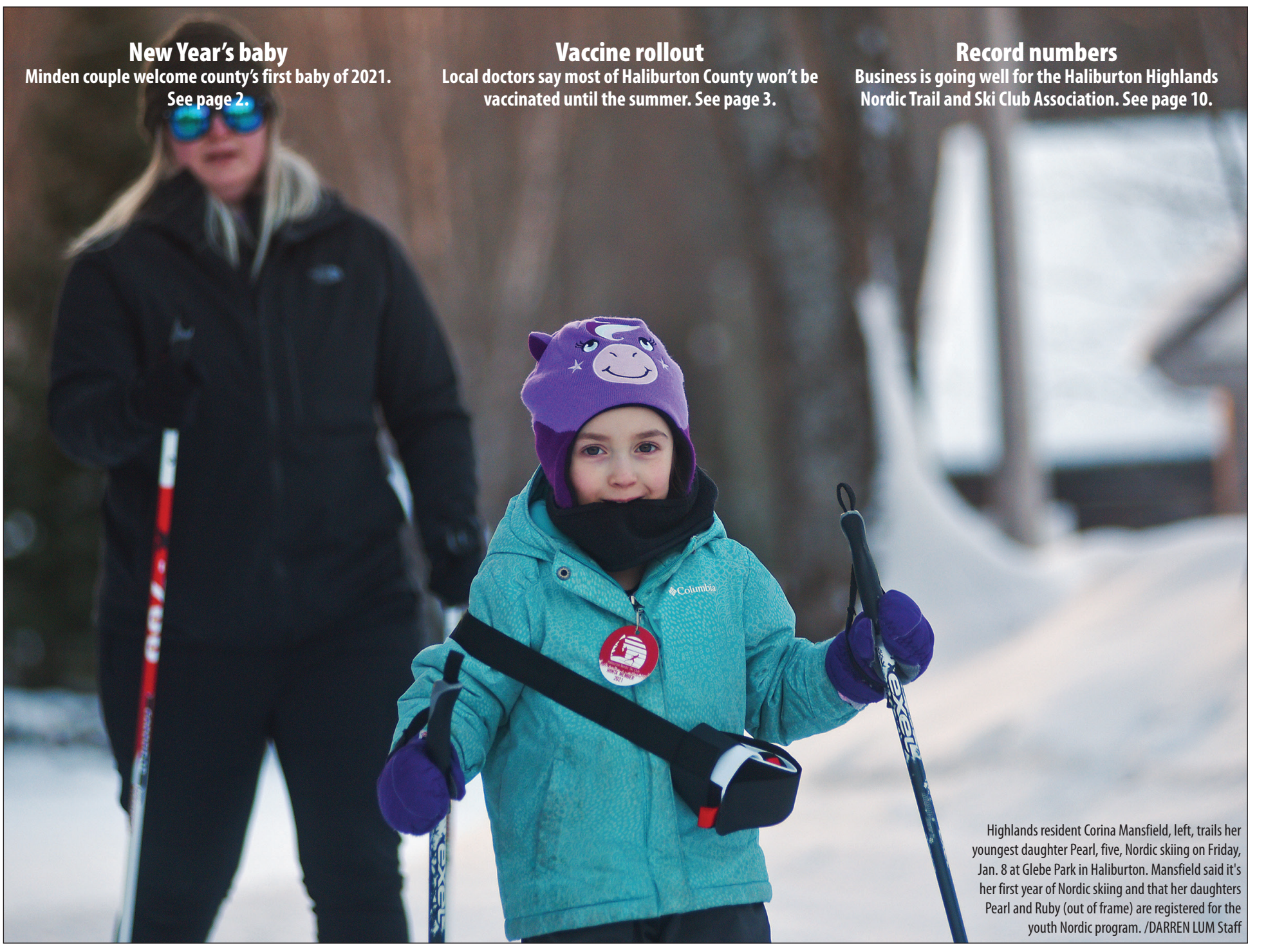

Highlands resident Corina Mansfield, left, trails her youngest daughter Pearl, five, Nordic skiing on Friday, Jan. 8 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. Mansfield said it's her first year of Nordic skiing and that her daughters Pearl and Ruby (out of frame) are registered for the youth Nordic program. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Baby Boesveld the county's first of the year

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At 3:55 on the morning of Jan. 8, just a few hours after his due date, Hunter Paul Boesveld was born at home, making him Minden's youngest resident and the first baby in Haliburton County welcomed with support from the Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft.

Hunter's parents, Scott and Kate-lynn Boesveld, are new to the community too, having moved here at the end of October from Cambridge after buying Ray's Place on Hwy 121. The pair are high-school sweethearts, and also grew up living kitty corner from each other their entire lives, with Kate-lynn joking that she's the "girl next door." Kate-lynn said their first child came quickly, so having a home birth option was reassuring rather than worrying about getting to the hospital in time. In the few months they've been here, they were able to make their house their home, comfortable for Hunter's arrival.

Hunter makes Taylr Jane Boesveld, who turned two in October, a big sister. She reportedly loves holding, hugging and kissing her baby brother. He is also loved by fur siblings Cinder and Ella, border collies with a keen interest in the wee babe.

Although Hunter was admitted to McMaster Hospital for some testing, his parents said on Jan. 11 that he is doing well.

Stephanie Simon, registered midwife with the Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft, said that while January is a light month this year – possibly due to the beginning of the pandemic – the rest of 2021 will "definitely make up for it." Babies expected to join the world in January are mostly from the Bancroft area, with many new additions from Minden. Haliburton's first baby of the year is expected toward the end of the month, and a new resident in Highlands East in late February.

Hunter Paul Boesveld, the first baby born this year in Haliburton County with support from the Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft, was born at home in Minden on Jan. 8, at 3:55 a.m., weighing eight pounds, 12 ounces. /Submitted photo

Last year, the local midwives provided support to 98 clients and 99 babies – 53 from Haliburton County, with 26 being born at home, two in a hotel and 70 in hospital.

"Although 2021 is off to a slow start in terms of expected births, the majority of 2021 is above average for birth numbers," said Simon. "For comparison, 99 babies in 2020, whereas 2021 January to August is already above 90. And that's with January numbers being lower than expected."

The Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft has been encouraging residents to call as early as possible in pregnancy to avoid being put on a waiting list.

"We continue to do our best to provide care to those who call as we are cognizant that maternity care options are limited within the county," said Simon.

She said the past year was a busy one for the practice, with midwives joining and leaving the team, as well as the ever-changing days of pandemic.

"It's hard to believe that many of the families who are having babies now will never have seen their midwives faces without masks," said Simon. "And likewise, we haven't seen the full faces of some clients until they're in labour. We know that the changes haven't been easy for our clients and our community but we do want to thank everyone for the support. Especially thank you to all of the families who had to adjust to changing guidelines for appointments, ultrasounds and birth – for waiting in your car instead of the waiting room, adapting to phone appointments, arranging childcare for your visits, having limited access for hospital visitors and for taking the lack of laughing gas for labour in stride – don't worry, it's back. And now, more than ever, thank you for staying home."

For more information about the Midwifery Services of Haliburton-Bancroft, visit mshb.ca or call 705-457-9992.

Danielsen vice chair of EOWC

Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen has been appointed vice-chair of the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus for the year.

"It is my honour and distinct pleasure to serve as vice chair of the EOWC for 2021 and I welcome the opportunity to advocate for the 750,000 residents that are supported by the work of this organization," Danielsen said in a statement, "Of course, I will work to ensure the needs of rural Ontarians are understood, as a result of my experience serving as an elected official within the County of Haliburton."

The EOWC represents 13 upper-tier and single-tier municipalities in Eastern Ontario, including 90 local municipalities, advocating on their behalf to upper levels of government. The EOWC also owns the Eastern Ontario Regional Network, which is responsible for a number of broadband expansion projects in the region.

Danielsen, who is the deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands, became warden of the county for the third consecutive year during a December meeting, after her name was drawn from an envelope after council cast a tie vote between Danielsen and challenger, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, who'd also put his name forward to serve as warden for the year. She's been deputy mayor in Algonquin Highlands since 2010.

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Vaccine 'likely' not available in Haliburton until the summer

MIKE BAKER
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

While rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine is well underway in some parts of Ontario, one local doctor, as well as the acting medical officer of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit [HKPRDHU] are warning Haliburton County residents that it will likely be "many months" before a vaccine is readily available in our area.

In a phone interview with *County Life* earlier this month, Dr. Ian Gemmill, the acting medical officer of health with HKPRDHU, outlined exactly how the vaccine is being released across Ontario and why it's going to take so long for doses to reach our region.

"The province of Ontario are the ones making the vaccine available to the public, and it's going to be done via a schedule of priorities. Those sets of priorities are being devised by a vaccine task-force," Dr. Gemmill said. "Where we are right now, the plan is to implement this in different phases."

Phase one launched on Dec. 14, 2020 when more than 2,500 healthcare workers who provide care in select long-term care homes and hospitals were vaccinated at the University Health Network in Toronto and The Ottawa Hospital. In the weeks since, the government has distributed approximately 90,000 of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine and 50,000 doses of the Moderna vaccine to 17 hospital sites across the GTA, London, Ottawa, Windsor and Thunder Bay. The vaccine was made available to healthcare workers, essential caregivers, long-term care home and retirement home residents and First Nation communities and urban Indigenous populations within those areas.

Under phase one, the Ontario government estimates that more than 20 hospitals across the province will be administering the COVID-19 vaccines.

"These vaccines – not a lot of it is being delivered to Canada right now. There simply isn't enough to cover everyone in Ontario, far from it," Dr. Gemmill said. "The first geographical areas being done are areas with the highest preponderance with coronavirus – so places around the GTA, and other areas like Ottawa. With the limited amounts of the vaccine we have now, that's where the focus is."

He added, "Right now, Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge, and our communities, are not on that list. We have not yet been notified of the availability of the vaccine for our critically-important groups for our area, but have been notified to be on stand-by. Things could change on a day's notice."

Dr. Norm Bottum, from the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team, believes it could be mid to late February before all frontline workers and long-term care residents in Haliburton County are administered a vaccine.

"That's my hope, but I don't know if that's more wishful thinking," Dr. Bottum noted.

While the public health unit will be involved in an advisory capacity in the gradual rollout of the vaccine to frontline workers and long-term care residents, Dr. Gemmill said most of the leg work would likely be done by Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS), since the vaccines will be delivered to and stored within the facility's freezers.

Carolyn Plummer, president and CEO of HHHS informed *County Life* that the hospital has not yet been given any details regarding timelines for the initial number of vaccine doses that are to be received in Haliburton County.

"We have been advocating strongly to receive the vaccine sooner rather than later, particularly with the recent rise in COVID-19 cases in our area," Plummer said. "Our community has done a wonderful job so far in helping to keep the prevalence low, and all the healthcare providers in our community have been working tirelessly to keep our patients, long-term care residents, and many others in the community as safe as possible – so we are doing everything we can to make sure the vaccine is made available as quickly as possible to support these efforts."

Phase two will begin when more doses of the vaccine become available in Ontario, and will be expanded to include additional congregate care settings, such as

Dr. Ian Gemmill, acting medical officer of health, said 2021 is the year the population can be immunized against COVID-19, and said the vaccine is the "bright light at the end of the tunnel."/Photo submitted by HKPRDHU

homeless shelters, and adults over the age of 70 in select regions. According to the Ontario government website, the province's task force, led by retired military general Rick Hillier, will use ethical framework and best available data to identify other priority po pulations, notably lower age groups, within phase two, based on available vaccine supply.

While the government says phase two will likely be implemented this winter, Dr. Gemmill believes a more realistic likelihood is that it will be stretched out to the summer.

Things could change, Dr. Gemmill says, if the federal government approves further vaccines, such as the AstraZeneca vaccine that has been developed at Oxford University in the UK.

"There is not just one vaccine for COVID-19, there are several vaccines. It just so happened that the first ones approved [in Canada] required freezing," Dr. Gemmill said. "I'm very hopeful that we're going to have different vaccines available soon. One for example, Oxford's AstraZeneca, is not yet licensed, but is fridge stable. That is going to change everything. We wouldn't have to worry about freezers. That vaccine would allow us to do mass campaigns in the same way we do influenza vaccines every year. That would make things much, much easier."

The UK became the first country to approve the Oxford AstraZeneca vaccine on Dec. 30, with the first dose administered just a few days later. Ontario Premier Doug Ford has called on Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to approve its use in Canada and secure doses so that it can be rolled out to residents who want and need it.

One of the major benefits of the AstraZeneca vaccine, Dr. Gemmill says, is that it can be fully administered in a single dose, while both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines require two shots given several weeks apart.

Before Christmas, the feds exercised options to purchase 20 million doses of the Pfizer vaccine and 40 million doses of the Moderna vaccine. Procurement Minister Anita Anand informed CBC on Jan. 10 that the government had chosen not to exercise a further option to purchase an additional 16 million doses of the Moderna vaccine.

Anand said the doses the Canadian government had already ordered would ensure that anyone who wants the COVID-19 vaccine will be able to receive it by September. Last Tuesday (Jan. 12), Trudeau announced the federal government would be ordering an additional 20 million Pfizer vaccines.

A third and final phase of vaccine distribution here in Ontario will kick in once there are enough doses available for anyone who wants to be immunized – likely late summer, or early fall.

With around 11,000 patients across Haliburton County, at least half of them over the age of 65, the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team is the community's largest family clinic. Staff have been inundated with calls in recent weeks as residents try to find out when they can get their shot.

"We have a lot of seniors. I don't have an exact number for you, but we have the highest percentage of seniors to population anywhere in the province. We have a lot of people over the age of 80 who still live at home doing what they can to keep mentally and physically fit, waiting for the vaccine to come," Dr. Bottum said.

He continued, "The government has committed to trying to get people in Canada immunized by September, but that's still nine months away. For many people, it's probably going to be July, August, September by the time we have enough vaccines to give to people. So the general public, I would say, will probably have a long wait ahead of them."

Dr. Gemmill informed *County Life* that, to the best of his knowledge, there had been zero vaccines administered thus far in Haliburton County. We were able to identify one former area resident, Kristen Bell, as having recently received the vaccine. A registered nurse whose parents were longtime residents of the county, Bell was given her shot at a clinic in Barrie last week.

"The process was really easy… and took very little time. It was just a consent, quick jab and [staff] watch you for 15 minutes to make sure you are ok. I'll go back to receive my second shot in two weeks," Bell told *County Life*.

Even though she was among the first percentile of Ontarians to receive the new vaccine, Bell says she wasn't nervous at all to get the shot.

"It is important for me to become vaccinated to protect myself, my family and the vulnerable populations I care for on a daily basis. The more people who are vaccinated, the less community spread we should see," Bell said. "These vaccines are well researched and I have to put my trust in this research. Without vaccines we cannot control this disease."

Dr. Gemmill offered his opinion that the COVID-19 vaccines presently on the market were "quite safe."

"The only indication saying you shouldn't get the vaccine is a previous life-threatening allergic reaction to any of its components," Dr. Gemmill said. "Right now, there have been hundreds of thousands, if not millions of doses given across the world. I've heard of a couple of situations of allergic reactions, but they seem to be very uncommon. It is quite a safe vaccine. I don't foresee there being any major difficulty [for people getting it]."

In his research, Dr. Bottum said he found one report that states the incidence rate of allergic reaction to the COVID-19 vaccines on the market is five per million, while another report outlines a slightly higher rate, at 11 incidents per million.

"The odds of having a reaction are pretty small. The odds of us getting one in Haliburton County, if we're going off 11 in one million, there may be one to get a

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Lovely day for a ski

Seven-year-old Ruby Mansfield Nordic skis ahead of her younger sister Pearl and mother Corina on Friday, Jan. 8 at Glebe Park in Haliburton. Ruby and her sister are registered for the youth Nordic program, which had its start delayed due to the provincial lockdown measures to reduce the transmission of the coronavirus. /DARREN LUM Staff

Haliburton at the back of the line as vaccines start to be issued in Ontario

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bad allergic reaction, so I think people are pretty safe. We just need to be careful about it," Dr. Bottum said.

When available, the COVID-19 vaccine will be free to all Ontario residents, Dr. Gemmill confirmed. As of 8 p.m. on Sunday [Jan. 17], there had been 200,097 total doses administered across Ontario, with 21,714 vaccinations considered complete.

Updated COVID-19 statistics provided some grim reading over the weekend, with Ontario reporting 3,422 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday, with 69 deaths. As of press time, Ontario had 28,893 active cases of COVID-19.

Here in the HKPR district health unit there are 60 active cases – one in Haliburton, 19 in the City of Kawartha Lakes and 40 in Northumberland County, with one additional "probably case" in the Kawarthas and two more in Northumberland. There are a further 128 high-risk contacts across the region, with 11 of those located here in Haliburton.

Both Dr. Gemmill and Dr. Bottum reiterated the same line of messaging, asking that local residents respect the rules of Ontario's current lockdown, in place until at least Jan. 23, and stay home whenever possible.

"I think we're seeing the repercussions now from the Christmas break. Hopefully by next week we will see some reduction in the numbers, otherwise the lockdown could go on even longer," Dr. Bottum said. "There were a lot of cases over the holidays, and it was down to people gathering with family and friends."

Dr. Gemmill added, when referencing the increased number of cases in recent weeks, "It's definitely down to people who are travelling, who are gathering unnecessarily for social situations. Don't travel. Don't gather, because that's what's driving the spike at the moment. Until we get the vaccine, that's what we need to do."

Dr. Bottum noted that his patients would be informed as soon as they're able to be vaccinated, while Dr. Gemmill hinted there would be a campaign to ensure even those without family doctors would be notified when the vaccine becomes readily available.

"Let's look at 2021 as the year of getting our population immunized against this virus and stopping it in its tracks. I don't think we'll completely get rid of the virus, but certainly we will be able to control it," Dr. Gemmill said. "The vaccine is the bright light at the end of the tunnel, and I'm very excited that over the next few months we'll be able to offer this vaccine to anyone in Ontario that wants it."

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Snowmobilers ride the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

Happy trails

A snowmobiler rides the Haliburton County Rail Trail (or the B103 trail) on Friday, Jan. 8 just outside the village of Haliburton close to Goulds Crossing. The Rail Trail route is part of the 370 kilometr es of trails maintained and managed by the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association, who remind trail users to observe trail conditions and ride accordingly. Trail permits to use the trails are mandatory. /DARREN LUM Staff

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He's finally gone

BRACE YOURSELVES people, the United States of America are on the verge of re-entering the civilized world.

It's a date that, I would imagine, has long been marked down, highlighted and circled in millions of calendars across the continent, and indeed the world – Jan. 20, 2021. The day that Donald Trump is, finally, forced to relinquish his presidency and retreat back from whence he came.

MIKE BAKER
Editor

He does so having failed on the most grandiose of scales. After building his entire campaign around the catchy, yet absurdly ambiguous promise to 'Make America Great Again', Trump instead leaves behind a legacy of hate, deception and incompetency.

The man who became almost universally known as America's principal 'Liar-in-Chief' leaves the country in a much worse position than he found it. Sure, a big reason for that is the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. While there's nothing Trump could have done to stop the initial outbreak, there are plenty of measures he could, and should, have taken to stop the spread of the virus across the States.

No country has been hit harder by COVID-19. Just shy of 25 million people have contracted the virus in the US, while, as of Monday morning, 407,212 had died. Both of those numbers are more double those reported by the second most impacted country – India. It's worth noting that around two-thirds of the Indian population live in extreme poverty, and don't exactly have access to the kind of things we take for granted, such as face masks and hand sanitizer. Basically, you can look at India's numbers objectively and understand why they are so high. There's no such excuse for the USA.

While many countries, including France, Spain and the UK, have introduced different lockdown measures to stop the spread of the virus within their borders, no such action was taken by Trump.

Instead, he spent months making fun of people for wearing masks while initially refusing to wear one himself while out in public, disputing information provided to him by dozens of renowned scientists and leaving it to all 50 individual states to figure out separate plans to combat the virus.

Some of his other doozies over the years include: withdrawing the USA from the Paris Climate Agreement; imposing a travel ban, which he often referred to as the "Muslim ban", on residents of Iran, Iraq, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria and Yemen; continuously attacking the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act introduced by his predecessor Barack Obama; and his many strange, seemingly racially-motivated attacks on both individuals and groups of people over the past four years.

Most eye-opening in that regard was a 2019 tweet, where he told four congresswomen of colour they should "go back and help fix the totally broken and crime-infested places from which they came" after taking umbrage with their calls for social change. Of those four women, three were born and raised in the US, while the fourth immigrated to the States at a young age, alongside her family, in the 1990s.

Trump spent months ignoring the Black Lives Matter movement, before eventually going on to call it "toxic propaganda" and a "symbol of hate" as protestors, many of them Black, resorted to rioting in some communities. He was strangely quiet, however, when a predominantly white group attacked the United States Congress on Jan. 6, in an attempt to overturn Trump's defeat to president-elect Joe Biden in last November's election.

On reflection, it's probably best that he didn't speak out. As evidenced by an ongoing count managed by the *Washington Post*, you could rarely believe a word Trump said. Over the course of his 1,455 days in office, the *Post* claims that Trump has made 30,529 false or misleading claims. At a rate of 21 false claims per day, Trump redefined what it is to be an untrustworthy politician.

For his part, Biden aims to hit the ground running this week, having prepared several executive orders he plans to push through on his first day in office. Biden plans to rejoin the Paris climate accord, end the travel ban on several predominantly Muslim countries, and make face masks mandatory in all federal buildings. He also intends to introduce new legislation for a $1.9 trillion relief package and immigration reform.

Finally, perhaps for the first time since 2016, there's reason for our neighbours to the south to feel optimistic for the future.

Top 10 reasons not to envy a snowman

I KNOW IT is easy to envy a snowman. Everyone likes them. They inspire songs.

Children think they are great. They can rock a scarf like nobody's business. But it's not all fun and games for them. In fact, if you think about it, they kind of lead a depressing life. Here are 10 reasons why you shouldn't envy them.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

1. They are only cool till spring.
2. Every time you see them they have two black eyes.
3. Worst dad bod ever.
4. The deer are probably going to eat its carrot nose off.
5. Snow women are basically identical.
6. Puts on weight every snowstorm.
7. Dogs frequently mistake them for a hydrant.
8. Frosty is their only hero.
9. They have twigs for arms.
10. Outside all winter in a hat and scarf.

Resilience

Lone pair of pines, their spines intertwined,
their jagged branches, frozen, beneath a stone Sky,
the boulders that ring their tiny island of two,
jutting from the Lake, like giant eggs,
Snow cloaking the outcroppings that my hands gripped,
as I staggered onto the island after a long swim,
to greet the pair of summer friends,
inhaling the aroma of their needles that breeze blew past me,
as I splayed on the rocks, now veiled in Snow.
I gaze from the shore at the smudge of island,
at the two wiry figures leaning into one another,
their limbs permanently twisted, their roots locked to each other beneath rock,
longing to clomp out across the Lake to greet them Happy New Year,
but the skin of ice sheathing the Lake in parts appears too thin, so I remain on the shore,
cowering from the cold beneath a tree whose roots slither down to the shore,
surrounded by boulders and a Snowman that somebody built,
plucking pebbles for his eyes and nose,
rocks for the row of buttons dribbling down his handmade suit of Snow.
I finger the fringe of the Snowman's striped scarf,
the way I wish I could touch the trunks of the pair of pines,
tiny as twigs entangled with one another through every winter,
their resilience, maybe easier, when they endure the blizzards together.
I feel the cold smoothness of the Snowman's face,
his trilby hat made of Snow, wondering how long he will last here on the shore,
his feet buried in mounds of Snow, with rocks and trees for company,
and maybe a stray seagull or crow, that lands on his head to rest.
I stare out at the smear of island for a while longer,
frozen in white space beneath a stone-mottled Sky,
the lone pair of pines, leaning into each other's solitude,
inspiring me, to accept this winter, whatever comes,
its stillness and storms, the slipperiness of this season sliding beneath my feet,
as I slap the Snowman's belly Happy New Year,
wishing him a long life,
before I stomp through the Snow back onto the road, inhaling deep swigs of northern Air,
wishing the world beyond this frozen one,
the same.

Sylvie Kalenda

Haliburton's Evan Armstrong spoke about his experience as a competitor on the television show, All-Around Champion. Watch him and the other contestants at www.tvokids.com./DARREN LUM Staff

Haliburton represented in All-Around Champion reality TV show

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

Like a veteran movie star, Evan Armstrong already knows how to tease a show after being one of 10 competitors in the second season of the reality television show, All-Around Champion.

"You get hooked. It's a competition. In spots it's a little bit dramatic ... my grandma watched it and she found she really got connected to the people in the show. She had a personal connection with them and at the end there is a big surprise, so you got to watch and see that," the 15-year-old Haliburton teen said, grinning.

The show available to view through www.tvokids.com is about gaining new perspectives, whether it's teaching others and learning about patience to learning a new sport while dealing with anxieties related to pushing past boundaries.

Armstrong, who had an edge going in with experience downhill skiing and snowboarding, spent two months last year sequestered away from family, except for one weekend, in a large house in Alliston.

They came from all over North America, competing in 10 winter sports over 10 weeks looking to gain the most points, including a final surprise challenge combining several contests. Each of them had a particular expertise in one of the sports and coached the others for three days before competing against one another in a challenge.

The Grade 10 student at Lakefield College School helped to coach Nordic skiing with Beckie Scott, an Olympic gold medallist.

He discovered he knew more than he thought and gained a greater appreciation for the foundational skills of his sport. Teaching highlighted how patience is an important aspect to coaching effectively.

The other sports included, speed skating, figure skating, snowboarding, mogul skiing, ski jumping, ice climbing, luge, dog mushing and curling.

Overall, he enjoyed his experience despite the waiting around between interviews and setups for shots and not being able to Nordic ski more than the four days.

It taught him the importance of sport and what it means to him, and how much work is required to produce a television show.

"Now I see why actors get paid so much," he said, smiling. "A lot of work goes in to TV and it's not just the people you see on camera and the cameramen. There's so many more people involved in creating a TV show or a movie. People who look after the actors, actresses."

Produced for a North American audience, the field of 10 teens included five Canadians and five Americans, divided equally by gender. Shooting and everything related, from being interviewed to travelling was a full day affair, starting close to 7 a.m.

Each week there were four days of shooting for the 22 30-minute episodes and then two days off to work out at a nearby gym, catch up on school work or relax. Evan said his teachers were accommodating and gave him extra work to complete without any new lessons.

Although filming for the show only included the interview portion with Evan at his home and at Glebe Park, the teenager said the first season included filming at the Minden Whitewater Preserve in Minden and J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton.

Evan's father Mike Armstrong said his son had looked forward to being part of the show and that it came about because of his Nordic coach at Kawartha Nordic, who recommended his son and did much of the groundwork for the application and interviews.

"I think I would have to say Evan developed a new respect for athletes in other sports and other sports in general throughout this process," he said.

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Need for speed

Rider Josh Baker is frozen in time, as he speeds by on his motorcycle with studded tires on Saturday, Jan. 9 on Grass Lake in Haliburton. Steve Stiles, the ice track maker and ice racing enthusiast of Haliburton wants to grow the sport of ice racing. He welcomes people to contact him about trying ice racing at s.stiles@live.ca./DARREN LUM Staff

Rider Jeremy Sharrard throws his motocycle with studded tires sideways on Saturday, Jan. 9 on Grass Lake in Haliburton.

Riders Jeremy Sharrard, left, and Doug Wright of Minden ride their motorcycles with studded tires through a corner.

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Record numbers for Nordic ski club

DARREN LUM
County Life Staff

Highlands resident Amanda Austin Nordic skis at Twin Lakes, located a few minutes north of Minden, on Saturday, Jan. 9. Austin is part of the record numbers using the trails that are part of the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Trails and Ski Club Association's network of trails this year. Twin Lakes offers seven kilometres of groomed trails for skate and classic Nordic skiing. Photo submitted by Vivian Collings

It's only when you see the parking lots that you realize how popular Nordic skiing is in the Highlands this season, owed in part to the provincial lockdown said the president of the Haliburton Highlands Nordic Club and Ski Association.

Otherwise it's easy to get lost in your thoughts and become fully immersed in the beauty of the surroundings while you're out gliding and skating on one of the three trails located at Glebe Park, Twin Lakes or Moosewoods, said president Thom Lambert.

Over the holidays, the ski trails saw an unprecedented number of visitors to the 36 kilometres of trails.

"We have never seen use like that," he said. "Except maybe for a really, lovely, sunny, minus four [degree Celsius] Family Day weekend. I know all three ski areas we broke records for attendance. We broke records for ticket sales, but the amazing thing is ... you ski out here and think, 'Oh, my gosh there's nobody here and you go out and there's 15 cars in the parking lot. The beautiful thing about cross-country ski trails is that they just automatically distance people."

He called this year's overall numbers for season and day-time users as "astronomical."

There are just under 600 season pass holders, which is 50 per cent greater than last year, he said.

He adds there were days in the past when four cars felt like a lot of visitors, but this year there has been upwards of 40 cars seen at parking lots.

Just after the province announced the lockdown, the club's board, he said, consulted with the health unit and decided it was safe to operate. This lockdown has created a recreational gap for people here in the Highlands, he adds.

"It's a great service to the community for people to have a way to get out, especially since downhill ski areas are closed. Downhill ski areas are incredibly important to families and that kind of created a big gap in the outdoor recreation field in the county," he said.

Lambert said popularity for all outdoor activities is approaching the heyday of the 1990s. He calls it a resurgence and could lead to a bright future for Nordic skiing here, as more and more people discover it during this lockdown that has limited activities.

"I think it is going to grow the club over the long-term. I don't think this is a one or two year kind of blip. We're creating a lot of really, really happy customers," he said.

This is owed to the club's volunteers.

Up to this point in the year, the president said, the dozens of volunteers that make the club what it is have already invested more than 700 hours of their time, which includes grooming trails, marketing and processing membership purchases. To put it in context, volunteers would normally spend upwards of 1,700 hours of time for the club and this total will most likely increase by the end of the season. With the added traffic, grooming was a constant to ensure the quality of the trails is maintained. Lambert points out the high standards for trail conditions is all about making the season pass holder happy and will in turn ensure a strong future where the week day user can be confident the condition on a Wednesday will match that of a Saturday.

More memberships has also meant more work. He credits membership coordinator Joleen Thomas and volunteer Brian Hill, who helps with the system used for processing payments. Some of this increase is expected in December, but this year there were families, who would have spent their time downhill skiing, but chose to go Nordic skiing and picked up family memberships in January, which is normally slower.

He said this growth is being handled without issue and that it's owed to the 40 volunteers, who make everything happen.

"The reality is we have a bunch of people that love helping people get on skis. And for us there really hasn't been a down side," he said.

Up until 2015, when the membership was half of what it is, the club was run for decades by the local lodges and included an extensive trail network of more than 250 kilometres, encouraging lodge-to-lodge skiing. Five years ago the club's constitution was changed to enable the association to be a skier-led organization instead of a business-led one. Before the change, skiers as a group had just one vote pertaining to board decisions while business owners each had a vote.

Nordic skiing provides more than just a physical benefit to people, Lambert said.

"The main thing for us is we truly believe that access to outdoor recreation is as big a part of people's health, especially their mental health, as being safe and doing the right things in terms of COVID-19 protocols and social distancing. All the research says that and that's one of the reasons that the province left cross-country ski trails and hiking trails and skating trails and toboggan hills [to continue]. They want to keep that stuff open so people can get outside and get some fresh air and get some sunshine," he said.

He adds getting outside is even more important at this time of year when compared to the first provincial lockdown during the spring, when conditions included warmer temperatures and conditions that don't demand much effort to dress for in contrast to winter, which is more demanding.

"For us, we didn't do any lobbying. We didn't do nothing like that. We just waited to see what the province said and the province said right from the very beginning that cross-country trails are allowed to open," he said.

The club, he said, is following COVID-19 protocols for an "unsupervised, outdoor activity."

Lambert pointed out the club is encouraging doubling distances between people, so rather than one they want two metres, or two ski pole lengths to account for people that are exercising, and that there shouldn't be gatherings of any kind, whether in a parking lot or on the trail.

Part of the COVID-19 protocols the club is exercising is closing potential trail destination sites such as warming huts or potential gathering places such as picnic areas. For the first time, e-transfers were accepted for payment to purchase trail passes so people can't run the risk of assembling at trail heads to physically pay for a trail pass.

Lambert said the message from the club during this lockdown to skiers is: "You come. You get your ski in and you go home."

Popular Jack Rabbit youth program start is delayed because of lockdown

As part of the lockdown restrictions related to group gatherings, the start of the Jack Rabbit program that was supposed to have already began has been delayed for a few weeks.

There are 69 youth registered for this year, which is a 30 per cent increase over two years ago. Lambert believes participation in all outdoors sports is higher because of COVID-19. The club actually imposed a cap at 69 because of how many volunteers were available to help with instructing students at program. There are 10 youth on a waiting list.

He said the plan is to start the program Saturday after the lockdown ends, but it's a wait and see situation now.

"If we get the OK we're all setup ... have everything poised and have everything ready to go we'll launch the next weekend that's our plan," he said.

Lambert thanks the public for the support and wants to ensure the public acknowledge the efforts of the club's team of volunteers

"Every single year we run into skiers, especially visitors, but also people right here in the county that think our ski trails are run by municipal government or by the county government. I think probably the most important thing for people to realize in the county just like the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association we rely really, really heavily on volunteers to create amazing infrastructure for the county and I think that's the most important thing to take away is that people are seeing that and recognizing it and thinking, 'wow, what a great resource when I can't really do any other kind of organized sports."

Volunteers with a variety of skills, whether it's Nordic skiing experience to teach or to just pick up sticks, are welcomed anda nyone interested in volunteering can contact us at info@skihaliburton.com.

For more information on skiing or the club see website (www.skihaliburton.com).

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Lakefront Property Owners,

The Haliburton County Home Builders Association has spent the last few weeks bringing forward a few facts regarding the proposed Shoreline By-law that the County of Haliburton is attempting to implement. The goal of our media campaign is to bring awareness of the By-law to the waterfront property owners in the County. We encourage you to educate yourself on what this By-law is proposing and make your voice heard by contacting your elected officials. We also invite you to visit https://wadein.haliburtoncounty.ca to submit your comments / concerns. Here are a few points that the HCHBA has identified as items that need to be addressed prior to finalizing a Shoreline By-law:

- A Task Force should be assembled that will include representatives from the County, Trades, and Waterfront Property Owners. This will allow all groups to have their input in the creation of an effective and functional Shoreline By-law.

- A research and education initiative regarding the water quality of our local water bodies needs to be undertaken by the County of Haliburton. The research should be commissioned by the County and all findings should be available to the public.

- The permit process / requirements for the proposed By-law needs to be clear, concise, and easy to understand. Currently a large project will require you to prepare a Site Alteration Plan. The requirements for the Site Alteration Plan are far too extensive. For example, as it is currently stated in Schedule 'A' you will be required to identify ***'The location and species types of vegetative cover, including the species and size of trees and shrubs.'*** If this is taken as it is written it could take days to map all of the trees and shrubs on a larger waterfront property.

If you have any questions, we at the HCHBA recommend that you write, email, or call your municipal elected officials with your comments or concerns. The Draft Bylaw and Questions and Answers can be found on our website under 'Resources' at www.hchba.ca

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#Building with the Environment in Mind

SIRCH staff and volunteers prepare food for the Community Kitchen program, which distributes free meals to vulnerable and low income individuals throughout Haliburton County. Money raised from this year's Gifts From The Heart campaign will ensure this program continues. The ongoing pandemic has seen a surge in meal requests and the need continues to grow.

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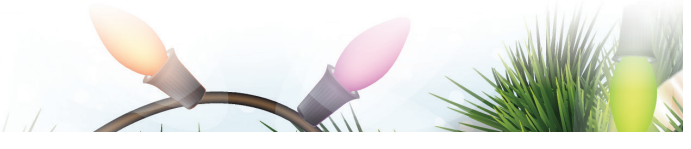

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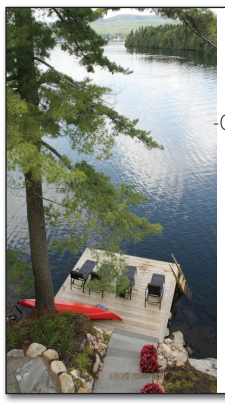

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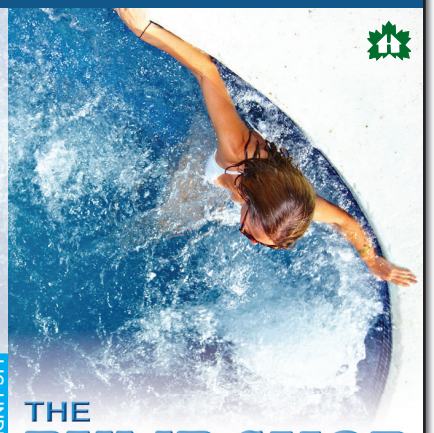

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Concerns over schools addressed at meeting

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

The Haliburton school board set out to quell the confusion surrounding its plan to address the County's growing student accommodation problem at a public meeting at Archie Stouffer Elementary School.

"We believe the option we chose to address the problem is the most cost effective while at the same time providing the opportunity to effectively teach our children," Board Director Brad Saunders told about 75 people last Monday.

Currently, almost half of the students at Archie Stouffer are taught in temporary classrooms, Victoria Street Elementary School needs to be replaced and an increasing number of students entering the system will lead to overcrowding at the high school by 1995.

In October, the board announced its solution of building a $2.9-million addition to Archie Stouffer school, seeking funding to build a new elementary school in Haliburton village and then turning J.D. Hodgson Elementary School into a junior high school for Grades 7 to 9.

> 'We are running out of time and it's critical we act as soon as possible'
> Cheryl Murdoch

Past school board chairman Cheryl Murdoch said that time is running out for the first stage of the plan.

"We had to go to the Ontario Municipal Board to obtain permission to use the IGA (to temporarily house the students who wouldn't fit in Archie Stouffer) in 1988, we have two years left on that lease and probably won't be able to renew it," she said. "We are running out of time and it is critical that we act as soon as possible to build the addition."

BOE Business Administrator Jim Bradley said in an interview that the goal is to have the addition to the school completed by September, 1994.

Ministry of Education representatives Gloria Broks and Jack McFadden attended the meeting and told the audience that they thought the plan was a sound one.

"We prefer that decisions regarding accommodation be a local board decision," Broks said. "They're best able to judge the needs and solutions of their students."

She also addressed concerns raised over the effectiveness of a Grade 7 to 9 junior high, saying she has been a teacher and principal at similar schools in North York and found them to work well.

McFadden, an accommodation co-ordinator, said the problem of accommodating students is growing all across Ontario and the average school has more than the Ministry-rated capacity.

"It's a big problem and while

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FOCA suggests ways to better taxation system

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

The province should fund education on an income-related basis that reflects the ability-to-pay instead of with property tax, the Federation of Ontario Cottagers' Association (FOCA) says in a paper submitted to the Fair Tax Commission.

"We don't want to shift the burden from the seasonal to the permanent residents, we just want a fairer and more equitable system," FOCA Executive Director Jerry Strickland said.

The paper, entitled Submission to the Fair Tax Commission Concerning Cottage Property Taxation, was prepared by York University Economics Professor John Beer and circulated to the commission, school boards and selected municipalities in November.

The Fair Tax Commission was set up last year to provide the provincial government with advice on how to design and implement a more equitable tax system for Ontario. Included on the commission is a wide variety of representatives from all levels of government, school boards, cottagers' associations and the corporate sector. It is due to present a final report by the fall of 1993.

"The government has set up the commission to look into our tax system, so obviously, they realize there are problems," Strickland said. "Tax reform has to come and we've done our best to provide our views and information and now it's up to the commission to listen to us and everyone else and hopefully, some good will come of it."

Dysart Reeve Chris Hodgson agreed that the province's tax system needs to be changed, noting that the major problem is the funding of education.

"There has to be a better way to fund education, maybe with sales taxes or something," he said. "Assessing property taxes through market value is outdated and I think everyone wants a fairer taxation system, but we'll just have to wait and see."

The FOCA submission presents a detailed analysis of the cottager's position regarding taxation and makes five recommendations.

The first is a general recommendation to "substantially decrease reliance on the property tax as a revenue source ... and to shift the financing of education to an income-related basis that reflects ability to pay." It suggests that this can be achieved by increasing the province's share for funding education from the current two-fifths to four-fifths and by introducing an education property tax scheme whereby an individual's income taxes would increase or decrease according to the size of their income relative to the amount of education property taxes paid.

"In recent years, the combined impact of market value assessments and the declining share of provincial support for education and municipal services have made property taxation for our members a question of grave concern and frustration," the paper says. "Many households with deep roots in their cottage community feel threatened by escalating property

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HERE'S SNOW IN YOUR FACE: What else do you do when the school buses are cancelled and the snow keeps tumbling down from the heavens? For Joel Edwards, left, and Kyle Woodman, the answer seemed obvious — get in a snow fight. The roads and schools were quiet on Tuesday as everyone let the storm have its way.

Snowfall far from a record but still a boon to tourism

by MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

A few weeks ago, a front page story in the *Echo* began with the words "Pray for snow." Well, there must be a lot of faithful believers in the salvation of winter tourism because on Tuesday, we got snow. Lots of it.

"We've had such an abnormal winter, when we do get dumped on we say holy cow," says local weather watcher Jim Elstone, who recorded a snowfall of 17.6 centimetres on Tuesday. This was enough snow to make winter enthusiasts and tourist operators happy, but Elstone says it isn't near Haliburton's record for snowfall in one day. On January 17, 1971, during a five-year period of unusually high snowfall, we had 36 cm.

But no one was complaining. "It started out as a drizzle on Monday night and turned into snow on Tuesday morning at about 4:30. Then of course it snowed all day," Elstone says.

As the snow fell, so did the temperature. From Monday's high of 2.5 degrees Celsius, the mercury dropped to -8 degrees Tuesday morning, and -16 by six o'clock that night.

"We were ready for it," says Dysart et al's roads superintendent, Jim Taylor. Tuesday morning the crews got an early start, even though the pressure was off because school buses were cancelled.

"The men were actually looking forward to the snow because they knew the local economy is based on snow," he says. "It was a good feeling to see the snow."

> Despite the 17.6 centimetres of snow which fell with a fury last Tuesday, there was only one storm-related accident

The day went well, with no break-downs or accidents. Because it snowed throughout the day, the crews were back on all the roads the next day, taking off the two or three inches of snow which had fallen since they last travelled the routes. On Thursday they were out doing touch-up ploughing and sanding, and on Friday, it snowed again.

"They're a pretty good bunch," Taylor says of his crews. "Everyone pitches in and helps."

Whether it was the roads crews' quick work or the fact that few people bothered to venture out on the roads, Minden OPP Const. Mike Maybee says there was only one accident which might have been storm related. A car went off Highway 121 near Coxfarm Road. No one was injured.

"There were a lot of cars off the road but they just got towed out and that was the end of it," Maybee says, although it might have taken a few hours to be next on the tow truck driver's list of rescue operations.

"People were aware of the road conditions and it wasn't the first major snow of the year," he adds. With the first big snow storm of the season, many people have forgotten how to drive in the winter and might not have their snow tires on yet, so there are a lot more accidents.

Maybee does warn, however, that the major roads can be very slippery. There is still surface snow which has been packed down, becoming as slippery as ice.

The board of education thought it was better to leave well enough alone and cancelled school buses

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Home-buyers wary despite interest rates

by MARK PUBLICOVER
Staff Reporter

Mortgage rates are at a 20-year low but the recession is still the main concern of potential home-buyers.

"People are definitely waiting to see if there's a turn-around in the economy," Re/Max Realty Associate Broker Linda Beachli says. "The low mortgage rates certainly haven't stimulated sales."

Last year, mortgage rates were more than 11 percent for a five-year, guaranteed mortgage and last week, the Bank of Montreal was offering a rate of 9.75 percent for the same loan.

"Even the most economic housing requires monthly payments and that requires a secure job," she says. "Even though a mortgage might be $100 less a month, people still have to have a job to pay it, no matter what the rate is."

Realtor Keith Jackson agrees.

"I haven't run into anyone yet who bought because of low interest rates," he says. "People who are buying have the money to buy what they want."

The Bank of Montreal's Haliburton branch manager, Ann Martino, says more people than usual have been inquiring about mortgage rates, but that hasn't led to an increase in business.

"There are some good deals out there now but people are waiting to see if the economy is going to improve," she says.

Beachli says sales of residential properties are down for Re/Max but recreational properties (cottages) are saving them.

"We have quite a few proper-

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